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REMARKS

Claims 12-31 and 33 are pending in this application, with claims 30 and 31 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 12-21 and 23-31 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 22 and 33 will be pending. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested.

No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Claims 12-14, 16-21 and 23-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takita et al, either alone, or further in view of either of Shimoda et al (see col. 26, line 7 through col. 30, line 36; in particular col. 26, lines 24-32) or Wang (see col. 11, line 36 through col. 12, line 36). (Office action paragraph no. 1)

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takita et al, in view of either of Shimoda et al (see col. 26, line 7 through col. 30, line 36; in particular col. 26, lines 24-32) or Wang (see col. 11, line 36 through col. 12, line 36). (Office action paragraph no. 2)

These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 12-21 and 23-31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Allowance of claims 22 and 33 is therefore respectfully requested.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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